

CITY OF SIGOURNEY, IOWA
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1999

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the City Council Chambers of the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, April 21, 1999, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., with Mayor Blake Gosnell presiding, and the following Council members answering roll call: Ed Conrad, Lyle G. Van Fleet, and Douglas L. Glandon. The Mayor said the meeting could not be held without a quorum. Since no action was required on the Main Street Quarterly Report, the Mayor asked Sue Votroubek to start her presentation. Council member Jeffrey A. Winn arrived at the meeting. Council members Wilkening and Mendenhall were absent. Others present, in addition to the City Clerk, were Sue Votroubek, Debi Flanders, Madonna Shaver, Dan Appleget, Laurie Appleget, Ken Bucklin, Sharlene Bos, Tony Bos, and Mark Bruns.

Council member Winn said he would like to move item 19 on the agenda, Police Department, to item 4. Other items that may be stricken for this meeting were 8, 12, and 9. Council member Glandon moved, seconded by Council member Winn, that the agenda be approved as posted, after certain deletions and rearranging. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Conrad, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Winn. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Council member Van Fleet stated the minutes of April 7, 1999 in regard to the tennis court discussion with Mark Seeley of M & M., where "they decided the 4" angle will be more than enough" should have read 4" of rock. Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, that the minutes of the meeting of April 7, 1999 be approved as corrected. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Conrad, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Winn. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Council member Mendenhall had told the City Clerk when he telephoned to explain his absence tonight, that he believed the minutes of the special meeting of April 12th were properly recorded, but he felt the meeting should have been closed because of the type of discussion, so he recommended that the names of the candidates interviewed, the first four recommendations, along with the past salary range of one of the candidates, all be deleted from the minutes. Council member Glandon moved, seconded by Council member Winn, that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of April 12, 1999 be approved as changed. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Conrad, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Winn. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Mayor Gosnell asked the group to take a minute of silence in respect for the victims and community after the tragedy yesterday at Columbine High School, Littleton, Colorado, one of the deadliest school massacres in U.S. history.

Chief-of-Police Bos told the Mayor and Council that he would like to replace four bullet proof vests, which were purchased in 1992-1993, which are one year past the recommended time for replacement. Also, that vendor is no longer in business. He displayed and explained a lighter vest, threat level 2, for \$550 each. He has the amounts budgeted \$1650 from fines and \$550 from equipment and miscellaneous. Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, that the Chief-of-Police be given authorization to replace four bullet proof vests, as described. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Conrad, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Winn. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Mayor Gosnell mentioned to Chief Bos that it would be appropriate for him to start discussions with school officials and others to have a plan of action as a safeguard to avert a tragedy like the one that occurred in Colorado this week.

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Dan and Laurie Appleget appeared before the Mayor and Council to ask about the extension of Cherry Street; they and Pattersons have the sewer hooked up, and are ready for Cherry Street to be opened up back to the end of Lot 6. The Council discussed various aspects of a 4" watermain back 300', and have them be responsible for 300', or tell them to run 600': if the City finds it will serve several customers within the City limits (the Applegets plan on voluntary annexation) then the City could assume the cost of the watermain. Laurie said the proposed apartment complex builder has expressed a need for additional land behind Hope Lutheran Church. Council member Glandon indicated the potential for more construction in the area and said the City would be better off to run a 6" watermain in the alley, which would be about 600' to the edge of the Appleget property; that the West Spring Street Watermain Project came in under the estimate, so money budgeted for that might be used for this watermain extension.

Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, that a 6" watermain be run down the alley east of Pattersons' (on Kelley Street) to the north side of Shavers' property where it abuts the alley, approximately 540', with a hydrant at the end. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Conrad, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Winn. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Dan Appleget reported to the group that Trees Forever is planting 24 trees at Legion Park.

Sue Votroubek continued her report on the Main Street Iowa Awards by IDED in Des Moines on April 16, at which time Main Street Sigourney, City of Sigourney, and Certified Local Government were recognized as the Best Partnership Effort for the Street Project; the City of Sigourney and French- Reneker- Associates were awarded the Best Public Improvements Project for the City Square Streetscape and Infrastructure Project; Sue received the outstanding volunteer award; Best fund-raising program recognized Main Street Sigourney Board and organization for the Main Street Match Up Fund Drive; the Best Upper Story Rehabilitation went to John and Diana Wehr; Best Image Promotion Honorable Mention went to Main Street Sigourney Board of Directors and Committees; and Volunteer Business/Organization of the Year went to Ken and Zel Chaney for the Sigourney News-Review. Debi Flanders also received an award for eight years as program manager for Main Street Sigourney. Among others who attended the Awards Banquet were Mayor Gosnell and Engineer Bucklin. Sue also said a recent IOWAN magazine reflects the best of Sigourney. She was awarded a package equivalent to \$950.00 total by the State organization to attend the National Main Street meeting in San Diego last month, at which time Deb received her Certificate. The annual fund raising auction will be Saturday night at 6:30 P.M., and they are working on the annual Fountain Lighting for Monday, May 3rd. Ken Bucklin added that they plan to submit their work on the City Square Project to the Society of Civil Engineers.

No one was present from the Library Board.

Council member Winn introduced the Resolution, seconded by Council member Van Fleet, approving the Application of Dennis L. and Jane A. Clubb for a building permit and Application for Tax Exemption on a three-car garage. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Conrad, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Winn. Nays: None. The Resolution was adopted.

Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, that the resignation of Teri Dillon, as Deputy City Clerk, effective April 23rd, be accepted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Conrad, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Winn. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Mayor Gosnell stated he and the City Clerk had discussed the filling of the position of Deputy City Clerk, and in that Joyce Farmer, present Assistant, expressed an interest in

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the full time position, and is working full time to learn as much as she can from Teri before she leaves, he recommended moving Joyce Farmer to the Deputy position, at \$8.25 for the 60 days probationary period, and then \$8.50 per hour. Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Glandon, that Joyce Farmer be appointed Deputy City Clerk effective April 26, 1999 at the rate of \$8.25 per hour for 60 days probationary period, and then \$8.50 per hour. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Conrad, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Winn. Nays: None. The motion was approved. The Mayor said he would have an ad in the paper the 28th for applications for the part time position, to be in May 7th.

Council member Van Fleet reported the park benches are assembled and in front of the bath house. High school students are going to be doing some painting at the Park. He had a proposal from Cavin Concrete for a 30' X 56' X 4" concrete slab for the basketball area southeast of the gate to the outfield, for the sum of \$3696.00. Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, that the Cavin Concrete proposal, in the amount of \$3,696.00, for a concrete basketball slab, be approved. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Conrad, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Winn. Nays: None. The motion was approved. He said there are more trees that need to be worked on and he has asked Dan Appleget to tag them. The Mayor suggested waiting until this fall to have that work done. The oldest shelter is in need of a new steel roof. He asked if any of the tree removal could be reported under FEMA. Mayor Gosnell replied all that work was to have been reported and done by the end of last December. The matter of the area on Laffer Street between Cleo Bryant's house and the house north on the corner, where a tree fell in the storm and the stump was removed and now the watermain is exposed, was mentioned and the Mayor said he would ask if correcting that problem could still come under FEMA.

Council member Glandon moved, seconded by Council member Conrad, that the finalized (28E) Corporation Line Agreement with Keokuk County be approved. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Conrad, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Winn. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Council member Glandon reported the pole building has been erected and he will soon schedule a walk through; they may need to have French-Reneker stake out a sewer drain.

Under Water, Council member Van Fleet said he took the liberty of contacting three landowners in the area of the well field and had John Wehr prepare temporary easements for test wells. (Matt and Rosemary Wehr, C. D. and Carol Huffman, and Bobby and Paulette Wehr)

Engineer Bucklin reported the DNR permit for repair of Well #3 has been received. Northway's proposal was \$15,200 to remove the casing and attempt to restore the well, or their best estimate was \$2000 if they got to the point it was not feasible to continue, plus \$3000 for proper abandonment of the same. Council member Glandon moved, seconded by Council member Van Fleet, that Northway's proposal in regard to Well #3 be accepted. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Conrad, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Winn. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

Ken Bucklin also reported that Roger, with R & R Excavating is making good progress on the 1999-2000 West Spring Street Project: the hydrant is set at the edge of the Park and he hopes to do boring soon.

Mayor Gosnell said the water meter at the Golf Course is still submerged and Ron thinks there is a leak between the Main Street connection and out to the meter. Instead of their meter where it is now, it seems more feasible to have it at the start of the line, and to move the pit would cost approximately \$225.00 plus labor. Council member Van Fleet moved, seconded by Council member Winn, that one particular meter pit be moved to where it can collect the necessary data. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Conrad, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Winn. Nays: None. The motion was approved.

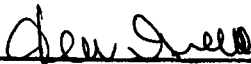
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Engineer Bucklin reported that some time ago the wastewater ammonia limit established by DNR caused concern because it was more stringent than that required by EPA. At a recent State Engineers meeting he learned that DNR will back off and their letter will come out soon saying that we don't have to do anything.

The March financial reports were before the Mayor and Council and filed. The City Clerk reminded the need for Budget Amendment and information for the same. The Finance Committee will work on that early next week. Council member Glandon moved, seconded by Council member Van Fleet, that the public hearing on the Budget Amendment be set for 7:00 P.M. May 19th. Upon the roll being called, the following voted: Ayes: Conrad, Van Fleet, Glandon, and Winn. Nays: None.

Under public input, Council member Mendenhall had asked the City Clerk to update the Mayor and Council that he had suggested to Phil Buschmann that he have Bill Tremmel get the water that is going into his basement tested to determine if it is a service line leak or something else. Terry Hollingsworth and Marvin Miner had filed a written complaint regarding a rat problem. Council member Van Fleet said both had called him, along with Joyce Liggett and Peggy Miner, and that we need a ban. Mayor Gosnell asked for evidence. Apparently Dan Roller didn't ask anyone if he could take all kinds of wasted concrete and building materials to fill in the railroad bed behind his property. Council member Van Fleet said he thinks that ought to be stopped, and that they should just use plain dirt. Ken Bucklin said it is probably a violation of the State Solid Waste provisions.

Council member Winn moved for adjournment at 8:30 P.M. The second was by Council member Van Fleet.



Blake Gosnell, Mayor

ATTEST: 
City Clerk



MARCH, 1999
INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

RECEIPTS:

General.....	\$ 34,710.43
Memorial Hall Restoration	343.03
D.A.R.E. Program.....	200.00
CDBG Housing.....	125.19
Library.....	358.85
Library Building Fund....	10.00
Road Use.....	16,599.77
Debt Service.....	1,021.19
Water Utility.....	11,345.99
Water Op/Mtn.....	8,631.91
Water Sinking.....	5,092.95
Water Improv/Repl.....	4,000.00
Sewer Utility.....	1,846.38
Sewer Op/Mtn.....	6,029.07
Sewer Sinking.....	2,098.63
Sewer Improv/Repl.....	833.33
Water Customer Dep.....	740.00
	<u>\$ 93,986.72</u>

APPROPRIATIONS:

General.....	\$ 62,421.97
Library.....	3,016.75
Road Use.....	6,332.11
Water Op/Mtn.....	8,631.91
Water Project.....	3,054.25
Sewer Op/Mtn.....	6,029.07
Lewis Mem Ftn.....	7.63
Wa Cust. Dep.....	320.00
Pole Building.....	<u>42,853.00</u>
	\$ <u>132,666.69</u>